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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

Listing of Claims

1-16.   (Canceled)

17.   (Currently Amended) A sales system for selling, over a network, inheritance information of one or more self-controlling type robots, which voluntarily decide actions, the system comprising;

a first terminal, coupled to the network, for registering inheritance information associated with one or more of said robots,

wherein said inheritance information is behavioral data of a self-controlling robot, which includes data that remains constant as the self-controlling robot ages and learns and includes replacement data, ~~data that is replaced as the self-controlling robot ages and learns~~

wherein replacement data replaces existing data as the self-controlling robot ages and learns;

a second terminal, coupled to the network, for purchasing desired inheritance information selected from the registered inheritance information; and

a sales server, coupled to the network, for receiving the registered inheritance information and for selling the registered inheritance information.

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18.   (Previously Presented) The sales system according to claim 17 wherein said sales server comprises mating means for combining a plurality of pieces of inheritance information of a plurality of robots; and

said purchase is a purchase of new inheritance information obtained by transmitting inheritance information of a particular robot to said sales server through said second terminal and by combining said inheritance information of a particular robot with inheritance information of a desired robot by said mating means.

19.   (Previously Presented) The sales system according to claim 17 wherein said purchase is a purchase of an information recording medium in which said desired inheritance information is recorded through said second terminal.

20.   (Previously Presented) The sales system according to claim 17 wherein said purchase is a purchase of a robot having said desired inheritance information through said second terminal.

21.   (Previously Presented) The sales system according to claim 17 wherein said registered inheritance information comprises one or more of information for deciding constitution, information for deciding form, and information for deciding action of said robot.

22.   (Previously Presented) The sales system according to claim 17 wherein said sales server comprises ID information registration means for presenting registered inheritance information to said first terminal and said second terminal.

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23.   (Previously Presented) The sales system according to claim 17 wherein said sales server comprises memory means for storing the registered inheritance information.

24.   (Currently Amended) A sales method, over a network, comprising:

a ~~registration~~ step for providing to a mating center, ID information and inheritance information of a self-controlling type robot for voluntarily deciding action via a first terminal that is coupled to the network,

wherein said inheritance information is behavioral data of a self-controlling robot, which includes data that remains constant as the self-controlling robot ages and learns and includes <u>replacement data,</u> ~~data that is replaced as the self-controlling robot ages and learns~~

<u>replacing existing data with replacement data as the self-controlling robot ages and learns</u>; and

a ~~sales~~ step for selling the provided ID and inheritance information of said robot registered ~~by said registration~~ <u>in the providing</u> step through a second terminal that is coupled to the network.

25.   (Currently Amended) A sales server comprising:

~~registration~~ means for providing to a mating center, ID information and inheritance information of a self-controlling type robot for voluntarily deciding action via a first terminal that is coupled to a network,

wherein said inheritance information is behavioral data of a self-controlling robot,

which includes data that remains constant as the self-controlling robot ages and learns and

includes <u>replacement data,</u> ~~data that is replaced as the self-controlling robot ages and learns~~

<u>wherein replacement data replaces existing data as the self-controlling robot ages</u>

<u>and learns</u>; and

sales means for selling the provided ID and inheritance information of said robot

registered by said registration step through a second terminal that is coupled to the network.